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34. Establishment at Thodupuzha of either a Munsiff's Court or the appointment of a Magistrate-Munsiff or the transfer of the civil jurisdiction of the taluk to Muvattupuzha from Meenachil.

Establishment of a Munsiff's Court at Alwaye and the shifting of the District Court from Parur.

Either the establishment of a Munsiff's Court at Ettumanur, or the investiture of the local Magistrate with the powers of a Munsiff.

Establishment of a Munsiff's Court at Changanacheri by shifting the Additional Munsiff's Court at Thiruvella.

observed also that this subject was brought forward at the last Assembly, but that nothing had been done in this direction.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

Mr. Ouseph Eippa (Member, Thodupuzha taluk) said that he was glad to learn, since submitting his memorandum of subjects, that the Government had been pleased to order the re-transfer of the civil jurisdiction of the taluk to Muvattupuzha, as before, with effect from Edavam next, and that he, on behalf of the people, thanked the Government for the same.

Mr. Kunju Kadir Pillai (Member, Alengad taluk) stated that it was on account of the great inconvenience to the people of the adjoining places to conduct their cases at Parur, that he wanted to have a Munsiff's Court at Alwaye; but now the sanctioning of a Munsiff's Court at Perumbavur, having jurisdiction over Alwaye, Edapally, Triakara, Kothakulangara and Changanamanad, had made matters worse. Perumbavur was more distant to them and more difficult to reach in monsoon time than Parur. Alwaye could be easily reached by train, and, as such, a Munsiff's Court at Alwaye would greatly lessen the hardships of the people. The Member urged the shifting of the District Court to Alwaye on two grounds—(1) that Alwaye was the centre of the taluks of Alengad, Kunnatnad, Muvattupuzha, Thodupuzha and Vaikom, and (2) the Court had originally been at Alwaye.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

Mr. Parameswaran Pillai (Member, Ettumanur taluk) said that there existed originally at Ettumanur a Munsiff's Court, which was shifted to Kottayam in 1039, and till 1056 this Court was called the Ettumanur Court. Afterwards, when the work became heavy, this Court became the Principal Munsiff's Court and an Additional Court was also established. The increase of work was due to the increase of suits from Ettumanur and its vicinity. The Member therefore prayed that either the Additional Court should be transferred to Ettumanur or that a Magistrate-Munsiff be appointed at Ettumanur.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

Mr. Uthuppan Thoma (Member, Changanacheri taluk) stated that certain *pakuthies* under the jurisdiction of the Principal and the Additional Courts of Thiruvella had been, in the recent judicial reorganisation, transferred to Kottayam and Alleppey. Changanacheri was a place of importance, and as the *pakuthies* referred to were lying near it, the

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Member said that it would be a great help to the people of these localities if the Additional Munsiff's Court at Thiruvella were removed to Changanacheri with jurisdiction over these *pakuthies* as well as over the northern *pakuthies* of the Thiruvella taluk.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

Establishment of a Munsiff's Court at Ambalapuzha.

Mr. S. Parameswara Menon (Member, Ambalapuzha taluk) spoke on the necessity for a Munsiff's Court at Ambalapuzha. The two Munsiffs' Courts in the taluk were at Alleppey in the northern-most portion of the taluk, the distance from the southern and eastern parts of the taluk being 17 and 18 miles, respectively. He suggested that, if the Additional Court at Alleppey be removed to Ambalapuzha, the people of six villages would be greatly benefited.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

Establishment of a Munsiff's Court at Nedumangad.

Mr. Sankaran Krishnan (Member, Nedumangad taluk) said that in 1052 there was a Court at Pirappancode, but when the people prayed for a new Court at Nedumangad, matters turned from bad to worse, in that the jurisdiction of the taluk was divided between the Chirayinkil and the Neyattinkara Munsiffs' Courts. It was indeed a pity that at present the people from Karakulam, a place only 4 miles from Trivandrum, had to go to Attingal through Trivandrum to conduct their cases, and the Member requested that at least the *pakuthies* of Nedumangad, Karakulam and Anad should be transferred to the Trivandrum Munsiff's Court. The Member further pointed out that the other three taluks of the Division had two Courts each and that the Nedumangad people had to go about all over the District to conduct their cases. People from Ponmudi had to travel 36 miles to conduct their cases, whether it was at Trivandrum, Neyattinkara or Chirayinkil. In these circumstances, the Member prayed that either a Munsiff's Court be established at Nedumangad or that the local Magistrate be invested with Munsiff's powers.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

(4). REGISTRATION.

35. Certain financial clauses in the new Registration Rules may be kindly reconsidered for relaxing the enhanced pressure on the middle and poorer classes of the population.

Mr. K. K. Kuruvila (Member, Nominated) represented that nine additional impositions had been brought about by the new Registration Rules, that two of these only would be referred to, and that one of them should be modified as poor people were suffering under it. The Member said that the particularisation of matters, two or more of which in an instrument would have to be treated as